Passengers carried by Indian Airlines and Air India

238. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passengers carried by Air India and Indian Airlines during the last three years separately; and

(b) the number of flights made by two airlines during the same period, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The total number of passengers carried by Air India and Indian Airlines during the last three years was as under:

	1984	*1985*	*1986*
Air India	18,11,100	17,63,668	17,72,439
Indian Airlines	83,14,089	90,25,178	96,95,349

(b) The number of flights operated by Air India and Indian Airlines during the same period was as under:

	1984	1985	1986
Air India	7,542	7,255	7,102
Indian Airlines	68,936	75,225	78,246

Research Projects of University Teachers Approved by University Grants Commission

239. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research projects of teachers and retired teachers of Universities of the country approved by the University Grants Commission during the last three years;

(b) the time taken by the University Grants Commission in approving these projects; and

the time taken by the experts to approve these projects?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The University Grants Commission had approved 1000 major research projects during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986.

(b) A research project is normally approved within a period 8-9 months of its receipt.

(c) The experts generally take 3-4 months for evaluation of the project. In some cases, the period taken by the expert might be longer.

Sale of Indira Vikas Patra

240. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of Indira Vikas Patras sold so far;

(b) the total income of Postal Department through the sale of these patras under this scheme till January, 1987; and

(c) amount of any allowance paid to the staff of Postal Department entrusted with this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The information will be laid on the Table of the House after collecting requisite information from Post Offices all over the country.

Running of Railway Trains

241. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains reaching Delhi in time from Howrah, Bombay, Amritsar, Madras, Lucknow, Pune, Ahmedabad during the last sixt months;

(b) the number of trains starting from Delhi and reaching these stations in time during the same period; and

(c) what are the reasons of the late coming of these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Destruction of railway tickets

242. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of railway tickets which became useless and are being destroyed after the introduction of computerised reservation at New Delhi; and

(b) the cost at which this scheme has been introduced and what have been the returns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Approximately Rs. 5.18 lakhs.

(b) The total estimated cost of the project for Delhi area is Rs. 18.63 crores. The project was not justified in terms of financial returns. It has been undertaken as a measure to provide better service to passengers through shorter queue length, lesser waiting periods, less chance of malpractices, etc.

Efficiency in DTC

243. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken to improve the discipline and efficiency in the Delhi Transport Corporation and step up fleet utilisation and lower accident rates;

(b) what have been the results thereof; and

(c) what is the number of accidents that have taken place involving DTC busses during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Measures to improve discipline and efficiency in the Delhi Transport Corporation are taken on a continuing basis. Some of the measures being adopted are replacement of over-aged buses, development of infrastructural facilities like depots and terminals, prescription of norms and targets for various performance parameters, refresher training of crew, mobile squads to check crew behaviour, speeds repair and maintenance of fleet, staff welfare measures etc.

The steps being taken have started yielding good results. The fleet utilisation has increased from 78.18 per cent in Dec., 1984 to 86.59 per cent in Dec., 1985 and 87.49 per cent in Dec., 1986. As for the accident rate which is measured in terms of accidents per one lakh kms. operated, which stood at 1.32 in Dec., 1984 and in Dec., 1985 has come down to 1.35 in Dec., 1986.